

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (Cancelled)

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A system for fixation of fractures comprising a chassis and one or more fixation elements in the form of screws and/or pins, wherein each fixation element is received in the chassis in such a way that it is locked by friction regarding movement in axial, rotational and angular directions, wherein the frictional locking of the fixation elements is given by means of the material of the chassis having an elasticity giving a locking effect by means of friction on the fixation elements.

Claim 12 (Cancelled)

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 11, wherein the chassis is made of UHMWPE (ultra high molecular weight polyethylene).

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 11, wherein the fixation elements are to be received in a bone structure.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 14, wherein the screws of the fixation elements are screwed into the chassis and bone structure in such a way that the screws move equidistantly in the chassis and the bone structure.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 15, wherein the system is fixed in a force neutral form.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 16, wherein no axial forces are transferred to the screws or pins after fixation.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 11, wherein the chassis is received in a rigid bracing [[:]_.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 18, wherein the bracing is made of steel.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 18, wherein the chassis is made of two parts received displaceable in an axial direction in relation to each other in the bracing and that a gap is formed between the two chassis parts.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 11, wherein the chassis is placed at a distance from and not in contact with the underlying bone structure or skin.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 14, wherein the chassis is fixed to both sides of a fractured area whereby a bridge span is formed between bone fragments of the bone structure.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): An apparatus for fixation of fractures comprising:

- a chassis; and
- a one-piece fixation element connected with the chassis, the fixation element being connected to the chassis only by frictional engagement with the chassis to prevent axial, rotational and angular movement of the fixation element relative to the chassis.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The apparatus as set forth in claim 23 wherein the chassis has an elasticity that gives a locking effect on the fixation element.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The apparatus as set forth in claim 23 wherein the fixation element is connectable to a bone structure.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The apparatus as set forth in claim 25 wherein the fixation element is screwed into the chassis and the bone structure, the fixation element moving equidistantly in the chassis and the bone structure.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): The apparatus as set forth in claim 23 wherein the chassis is received in a rigid bracing [[:]] .

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The apparatus as set forth in claim 27 wherein the chassis includes first and second parts movable relative to each other, the bracing guiding relative movement between the first and second parts.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): The apparatus as set forth in claim 23 wherein the chassis is fixed to both sides of a fractured area.

Claim 30 (New): The system of claim 11, wherein the fixation elements are one-piece fixation elements.